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ENP01F0072256 2/00/VCA/R65-72 SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 AND
 FINAL AVN/AVIA-A/1 U.S. AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN, 11 SEPTEMBER 1972 SPOT REPORT
 FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 AND FINAL TO 2/VCA/R619-72, 110355Z SEP 72 AND
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(ALL TIMES ZULU) TWO MIG-21'S FROM PHUC YEN AND TWO MIG-21'S FROM HANOI GIA LAM REACTED TO U.S. AIRCRAFT OVER NORTH VIETNAM BETWEEN 0316 AND 0353 ON 11 SEPTEMBER, RESULTING IN THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT. TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S WERE NOTED TAKING OFF FROM PHUC YEN AT 0316 UNDER CONTROL OF THE NVN SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER IN A REACTION TO ALLIED STRIKE ACTIVITY BETWEEN HAIPHONG AND KEP. THE MIG'S WERE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE A HEADING OF 50 DEGREES IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKEOFF AND BY 0323 WERE WITHIN 35 KILOMETERS OF THE \$HOSTILES.\$ AT 0324, WITH THE MIG'S LOCATED AT 21-32N 106-10E, THEY WERE ADVISED OF TWO FLIGHTS OF \$HOSTILES\$; ONE FLIGHT ON THEIR RIGHT SIDE AT A HEADING OF 80 DEGREES, 25 KILOMETERS AWAY, AND ANOTHER FOUR AND ONE HALF KILOMETERS AWAY WHICH THE PILOTS HAD IN SIGHT. AT 0325, THE LEAD MIG PILOT INSTRUCTED HIS WINGMAN TO ATTACK. IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMMENCING HIS ATTACK THE WINGMAN STATED THAT A TARGET HAD \$BURST INTO FLAME.\$ THIS WAS CONFIRMED AT 0326 WHEN THE WINGMAN WAS ASKED BY THE LEAD PILOT IF HE HAD FIRED WELL AND REPLIED, \$I HIT AN AIRCRAFT.\$ THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER TOLD BOTH PILOTS AT 0327 TO BREAK AWAY USING MAXIMUM SPEED TO A HEADING OF 270 DEGREES AND CLIMB TO 32,800 FEET. ONE MINUTE LATER, THE LEAD PILOT STATED THAT HE SAW PHUC YEN AND REQUESTED TO SHUT OFF HIS AFTERBURNER. ALTHOUGH THE WINGMAN EXPERIENCED SOME TROUBLE WITH HIS COMPASS, BOTH MIG'S LANDED AT PHUC YEN BY 0338. THE TWO HANOI GIA LAM-BASED MIG-21'S WERE INITIALLY NOTED AIRBORNE AT 0328 IN AN APPARENT DEFENSIVE PATROL. THEY WERE ADVISED OF \$HOSTILES\$ AIRCRAFT LOCATIONS, BUT AT 0342 THEY WERE TOLD TO \$QUICKLY RETURN TO GIA LAM.\$ AT 0350, AS THE MIG'S WERE IN THE LANDING PATTERN, THE GIA LAM AIRFIELD CONTROLLER AGAIN EXPRESSED APPREHENSION AS HE TOLD THE MIG'S TO \$QUICKLY LAND\$ SINCE \$HOSTILES\$ ARE 30 KILOMETERS AWAY. \$ BOTH MIG'S RECOVERED SAFELY. NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED THIS FLIGHT OF MIG'S IN THE IMMEDIATE HANOI AREA. COMMENT COLLATERAL SOURCES -CONFIRM THE LOSS OF ONE U.S. F-4 DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. XXHH 550 03096 NNNN

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